

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-21. Canceled.

22. (New) A rack guide comprising:

a rack guide base body having a pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surfaces extending parallel to an axial direction transverse to a direction of movement of a rack bar, a pair of planar outer peripheral surfaces extending parallel to said axial direction and each located between the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surfaces, one axial end surface including a recessed surface located radially inwardly of the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surfaces and the planar outer peripheral surfaces, and another axial end surface including a cylindrical surface located radially inwardly of the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surfaces and the planar outer peripheral surfaces; and

a slider secured to said recessed surface of said rack guide base body.

23. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein said recessed surface includes a circular-arc shaped recessed surface.

24. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein said recessed surface includes a pair of mutually opposing planar surfaces and a pair of inclined surfaces respectively extending integrally from the pair of planar surfaces of said recessed surface.

25. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein said rack guide base body has a hole in a center of a bottom of the recessed surface, and said slider has a projecting portion which is fitted in the hole of said rack guide base body.

26. (New) The rack guide according to claim 25, wherein the hole includes a through hole or a hole with a bottom.

27. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein the pair of planar outer peripheral surfaces are connected to respective ends of the bottom of the recessed surface and are located in such a manner as to oppose each other.

28. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein said rack guide base body has at least one annular groove in the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surfaces and the pair of planar outer peripheral surfaces.

29. (New) The rack guide according to claim 28, further comprising an elastic ring fitted in the annular groove in such a manner as to partially project from the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surface to an outside of the same.

30. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein said rack guide base body has at least two rows of annular grooves in the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surfaces and the pair of planar outer peripheral surfaces.

31. (New) The rack guide according to claim 30, further comprising elastic rings fitted in the annular grooves in such a manner as to partially project from the pair of semicylindrical outer peripheral surface to an outside of the same, respectively.

32. (New) The rack guide according to claim 22, wherein said rack guide base body has narrow-width protruding portions respectively extending from vicinities of the bottom of the recessed surface to apex surfaces of the recessed surface along edge portions on both sides of the recessed surface.